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1. The reply filed on September 28, 1999 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):Contrary to Applicant's remarks, a copy of DE '544 was not received with this reply. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is also requested to specifically point out those features of the claims that are not disclosed by DE '544.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Joseph Gorski at telephone number (703) 308-1805.

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